

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20510

December 17, 2014

The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy  
Assistant Secretary of the Army  
108 Army Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20310-0108

Dear Assistant Secretary Darcy:

We write to you to urge you to expedite the transfer of 42 acres of land from the Northeastern Pennsylvania (NEPA) Alliance, a regional community and economic development agency, to the Tobyhanna Army Depot in Monroe County, Pennsylvania. We hope the US Army Corps of Engineers will move quickly to process the transfer of this land to the Tobyhanna Army Depot which will be used to enhance their mission capabilities.

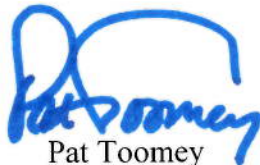
As you may know, in 2011 NEPA Alliance secured grant funds to purchase the 42 acres of land adjacent to the Tobyhanna Army Depot for the purpose of transferring the property to the Depot to assist with facility improvements. Earlier this year, the Department of the Army accepted the land transfer and we have been informed that the US Army Corps of Engineers Baltimore District Office is managing the process of transferring property ownership from NEPA Alliance to the federal government. Over the past few years, NEPA Alliance has used their Blue Ribbon Task Force funds to pay for the property taxes associated with the land, however, the continued payment of these fees will limit the Alliance's ability, as a small non-profit, to fund other Blue Ribbon initiatives.

We respectfully request that the Army Corps of Engineers work to process this land transfer in an expeditious and efficient manner. We also respectfully request you keep us informed of any new developments as the property transfer process continues. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us directly or contact our staff. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Robert P. Casey, Jr.  
United States Senator



Pat Toomey  
United States Senator



Matt Cartwright  
United States Representative